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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

**Inventor:** Marc Tremblay, et al.  
**Title:** START TRANSACTIONAL EXECUTION (STE) INSTRUCTION TO SUPPORT TRANSACTIONAL PROGRAM EXECUTION  
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**Group Art Unit:** 2183  
**Examiner:** Johnson, Brian P.

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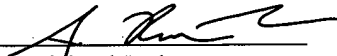
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